



Notes from the Director

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF VISIT HEADQUARTERS

On 4 May 1979 it was our great privilege to entertain the Chairman and Service members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at CIA Headquarters. Their visit marked the first time that the Chiefs, as a corporate body, had ever visited the Agency. It was another important step in the continuing intelligence dialogue we strive to maintain with our nation's senior military leaders. Our objective is to strengthen the intelligence support we provide to United States military commanders worldwide. We all may take pride in the Chiefs' exceptionally positive response to their visit and discussions here. JCS Chairman General David C. Jones wrote me following the visit:

"On behalf of all the Chiefs, I would like to thank you for hosting such a successful luncheon at your headquarters on the 4th. This first visit to CIA by the Chiefs as a group was an important milestone in advancing the broadened cooperation and understanding between the military and the intelligence community. I look forward to continuing this process at all levels in the days ahead."

OUTGOING GENERAL COUNSEL HONORED

Following nearly three years of distinguished service as CIA's General Counsel, Anthony A. Lapham decided for personal reasons to return to private life. It was my great pleasure on 8 May to award him the Distinguished Intelligence Medal for the selfless dedication and superior legal service he provided to two Directors during his tenure. The occasion was further heightened by the presence of Attorney General Griffin Bell, who, after addressing CIA employees, participated in the presentation and added praise based on his personal knowledge of Tony's contribution. The period of Tony's service was marked by several espionage prosecutions and difficult civil cases, all of great importance to the Agency's future. More than a brilliant attorney, Tony brought sensitivity, sound judgment, and a sense of mission to his job here. I know you join me in wishing him well as he returns to private life. His friendship and professional counsel will be missed.

INCOMING GENERAL COUNSEL WELCOMED

Our new General Counsel is Daniel B. Silver. He comes to us from the National Security Agency where he served as General Counsel. He plans to join us on 29 May.

Dan took his undergraduate degree in anthropology with highest honors at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1961, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Following a Woodrow Wilson fellowship and National Institute of Mental Health training fellowship, he completed his M.A. and Ph. D. in social anthropology at Harvard University. In 1968 he was awarded his LL.B., magna cum laude, by Harvard Law School.

From 1968 until 1978, Dan was an associate partner in the international law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, having served in New York, Paris, Brussels and, most recently, Washington, D.C. He has lectured extensively in the fields of antitrust, tax, environmental, and international development law.

Dan obviously brings a rich combination of academic and professional achievement to his work here. I am delighted that he agreed to join us. We welcome him.

VIETNAM VETERANS WEEK

President Carter signed a proclamation calling "upon all Americans to observe 28 May through 3 June, the week of our traditional Memorial Day, as Vietnam Veterans Week" in expression of the Nation's "sincere thanks for the service of all Vietnam era veterans."

We all are aware of the pain and sorrow suffered by many during the tragic period of the conflict in Southeast Asia and it is fitting that we pay tribute to those who sacrificed so much, and to their loved ones. In keeping with the spirit of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, we have been alert to the goal of providing employment opportunities for Vietnam era veterans and currently employ over 2,000 such veterans in the Agency. In their honor, and in honor of all Vietnam Veterans, there will be a special program in the Auditorium at 1400 hours on Friday, 1 June at which time I expect to speak and the film, "A Fighting Chance," will be shown. All employees are urged to attend this ceremony to express the gratitude that is long overdue the brave men and women who served in Southeast Asia.



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